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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 31, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge the requisite fee of \$120.00 dollars for a one-month extension of the period for reply, and the requisite fee of \$200.00 for the net increase of one independent claim by virtue of the placement of claim 23 into independent form. Applicants also hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge or refund overages for any fees not otherwise provided for and deemed necessary to advance prosecution of the present patent application, at this or any other time, to Deposit Account No.: 03-0335; Order No.: OTD-030256.

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